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AMENDMENT

RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the office action dated 2/26/02 in the above-named case, which indicated that a one month shortened statutory period has been set for reply.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending, and have been subject to an election of species requirement. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this election requirement are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has required that Applicants elect a single disclosed species. Claim 1 has been deemed generic to a plurality of patentably distinct species. Applicants provisionally elect the single species of claim 13, i.e., the compound 3-(4- {[2-(3-benzhydryl-6-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)ethyl]sulfonyl} phenyl)propanoic acid, but Applicants traverse this requirement for the reasons stated below.

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